BE AN ELECTION JUDGE!

Election judges are paid officials who staff local polling places, administer election procedures, and ensure that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day.

Election judges are essential to our democracy. Serving as an election judge provides an opportunity to learn more about the election process and is a great service to our community.

DUTIES OF AN ELECTION JUDGE

- Set up the polling place
- Operate voting equipment
- Register individuals to vote
- Ensure qualified voters are permitted to vote
- Demonstrate how to vote
- Distribute ballots to voters
- Assist voters
- Close down polling place
- Determine results after polls close
- Certify the polling place results

If you are interested in becoming an election judge, attend your political party's precinct caucus and ask to be placed on a list of potential election judges, or contact your city clerk, township clerk or county auditor.

Further information on becoming an election judge is available at: www.sos.state.mn.us or call 651-215-1440 or 1-877-600-8683 (toll free).

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Political Party Precinct Caucuses

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

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WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

Precinct caucuses are meetings organized by Minnesota's political parties. At each caucus the party begins its process of selecting candidates for the 2012 election and policy positions to shape its party platform. Caucuses provide a great opportunity for citizens to engage in Minnesota's political process at the "grassroots" level. Caucuses are an important way to influence the direction and decisions of our government.

WHAT DO CAUCUS ATTENDEES DO?

Discuss public policy issues and pass resolutions
 Caucuses provide a forum for citizens to discuss
 a wide range of public policy and political issues
 with their neighbors. Attendees may also offer
 and vote on resolutions to shape the party's
 platform.

Vote in a straw poll

Political parties will conduct a straw poll to gauge caucus attendees' presidential candidate preference.

• Elect precinct officers

Officers are responsible for organizing political activities within the precinct.

Elect delegates

Delegates influence which candidates and policy positions their party endorses. Caucus attendees elect delegates and alternates to represent their precinct at the political party's county or district convention. District and county convention delegates, in turn, elect delegates to the political party's congressional and state conventions. Congressional and state delegates elect national convention delegates.

WHO CAN ATTEND A CAUCUS?

Precinct caucuses are open to the public and participation is encouraged by the political parties. In order to vote, offer resolutions or become a delegate at a precinct caucus, attendees must be eligible to vote in the 2012 general election, live in the precinct and be in general agreement with the principles of the political party.

WHERE IS MY PRECINCT CAUCUS?

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State is working with all of Minnesota's political parties to provide Caucus Finder: a free, online service to assist citizens in locating the caucus meetings in their neighborhood. This on-line service will become available in late January 2012. Prior to then, contact your political party of choice directly for caucus locations.

WHEN IS MY PRECINCT CAUCUS?

Constitution Party

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Green Party

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Independence Party

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Republican Party

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7 p.m.

NO PRECINCT CAUCUS IN 2012

Grassroots Party

Libertarian Party

Are caucus meeting locations accessible to individuals with disabilities?

Yes. Most caucuses are held in accessible buildings. Anyone needing interpretive services or caucus materials in alternate formats should call, write or e-mail their political party's state office in advance for further assistance.

POLITICAL PARTY CONTACTS

Constitution Party

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Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

255 E. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107

Phone: 651-293-1200 Toll free: 1-800-999-7457 E-mail: caucus@dfl.org Website: www.dfl.org

Green Party

180 East 5th Street, Suite 222 St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-288-2820,

E-mail: caucus@mngreens.org Website: www.mngreens.org

Grassroots Party

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